

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending in the application prior to the present amendment.

Claim 8 is herein cancelled.

Claims 1-6 were indicated as being allowed by the Examiner.

Claim 8 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (i.e., claim 7) and any intervening claims. Thus, in order to expedite the case towards allowance, Claim 7 is herein amended to include the subject matter of claim 8.

Thus, Claims 1-7 will be pending in the application after entry of the present amendment.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Langendorf (USPN 6,624,817). This rejection is rendered moot in view of the claim amendments presented herein.

CONCLUSION

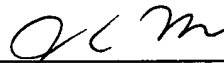
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-86000/JCH.

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